A TESTIMONY TO THE Lord's Power AND Blessed Appearance In and Amongst CHILDREN:

Wherein is expressed the great Love of God to them, who, as Young and Tender, have tasted of his good WORD & heavenly LIFE.

Published for the Use of Friends, and to prevent various Reports, that they may have a True Account in the following Testimonies, given forth by Faithful Witnesses.

Here are also added to what was before Printed, several pretious Testimonies and Epistles, which are as the Effects of the Appearance and Opperation of that great Power & Wisdom of God in and amongst them.

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HIS PEOPLE:

BRITISH MUSEUM

Dear Friends,

WHEN I consider the great Love of God in this Day extended so largely both to small & great, it is to my great admiration, and especially the hand of God reaching abundantly towards Children, how wonderfully he hath appeared to them, that in their Generation they may be God's Faithful Witnesses, as we have been in our Day, as the Lord hath kept us Faithful.

Some of the Openings of that Life in them, and Pratlings of their Lips, as tender Babes in Christ Jesus, are here presented to be read in the Additional Epistles and Testimonies to what was before Printed.

Many other precious Epistles and Testimonies we have by us, which were written to their Unconverted Friends and Relations, which at this time we thought not so meet to be published. C. T.

OH! dear Children, into whose hands this Book may be recommended, whether in the Truth or out of the Truth; but I hope it may meet with many that are in the Truth; a word is put into my Heart to Encourage you that fear the Lord and walk in his Way, and an Invitation to you that fear him not: And when this comes to your hands, take this holy Exhortation, and enter into your Closets, and with Seriousness and Godly Fear read this Book, which was at first put forth at that time when that Hellish Report was raised of us, *That the Devil arose amongst us*, This Book, I say, was put forth then to take away the Reproach; and now many other things are added unto it of the Effect of that Great and Notable Day, and the pouring forth of the Lords blessed Power and Spirit, poured forth upon our Children; a Holy Day indeed! Forever let it be had in remembrance of us, and of all those that

that truly fear the Lord; a Notable Day indeed! Verily the Devil Roared at it, and ſtirred up his Inſtruments to Blaſpheme this his holy Work; but in the Name of the Lord, We Defie him and them.

Ah! dear Children, what may we ſay unto you? of ſome of ours that live in the Houſe with us, that were once wild and diſorderly, as well as others, but the Lord hath made them to Lament for their Sins, and I know they have repented of them, and the Lord hath been pleaſed to ſhew Mercy unto them, and now they love his Righteous Wayes; and the Lord hath filled their Hearts with his holy Praiſes; and hath alſo conſtrained them to write to their Relations that live in Sin, and do earneſtly beſeech them, *To Repent of their Evil Wayes, and Defie the Devil*, who is the whole Cauſe of the Miſery and Sorrow that falls upon the Sons & Daughters of men, for tranſgreſſing the holy Law of God that is written in their hearts. Oh! how do they Lament over them, that they may come to Fear the Lord, & walk in his Way with them, that they may be bleſſed

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with them forever. And many blessed things are amongst them, too large here to relate.

This greatly exercised me this Morning, and I could have no Rest until I had it writ down, and then God's Peace confirmed me, that I had done his Will.

The 29th of the 11th Moneth, 1679. } Frances Taylor.

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A Teſtimony *to the Everlaſting Power of God, (which in Ages paſt hath wonderfully appeared in Sons & Daughters) which hath been Deſpiſed, Mocked and Evil ſpoken of by the Wiſdom which is from below, that ſees it not, nor can know it; which heavenly Power hath appeared in our Days, and hath wrought wonderfully in and upon the Hearts of many, even to the amazement of many; and it hath met with the ſame Spirit of Oppoſition now as formerly, calling it* Madneſs, Witch-craft *and* Diabolical Deluſion. *It was propheſied of Old,* That the Lord would work a Work, which ſome ſhould not believe if it were told them: *This in part hath a Remnant ſeen in theſe Dayes, and even of late, as hereafter is mentioned.*

UPon the 4th day of the Moneth called *June* 1679. at a Meeting in the Town called *Waltham-Abby* in *Eſſex* of the People call'd *Quakers*, where was preſent about Forty or Fifty Young

Young Boyes and Maidens; God's heavenly Power brake forth in some Maids and Young Girls, it begun with Three or Four at first, broke them into Tears and Melting of Heart, continued so a small time, then it reached two or three of the Younger Boys, which melted them into Tears; and in a very small time, reached all the Boyes and Young Girls, many of them being but about Eight or Nine and Ten Years old, the Power was so mighty that they were all broken into Tears, some into Trembling, and at last it reached unto the Elder People, so that all in the Meeting was broken by the Power into Tears and Melting, which did continue for about one Hour, until the Meeting was ended: This I was an Eye and Ear Witness of, and felt God's Power wonderfully, to the gladding of my Heart, and answering the Breathings of my Soul, which I have many a time had in a Travail to the Lord, for the Children, *That the Lord might visit them in their Young Dayes*: after which Meeting I had this Hope and Faith raised up in my Soul, which to some I did declare, that God had a Work to work with some of these Children,

dren, which he would bring forth e're long. And several signal Testimonies hereof hath the Lord brought forth since, as hereafter appeareth from other Eye and Ear Witnesses thereof. And although Men in the Fallen Wisdom see not, understand not, nor believe that this is from the mighty Power of God, yet there is a Remnant gathered by this Power, and have Experience of the Operation thereof, how it hath wrought in them, even in some when they were Youngs, these are God's Witnesses that this is his Work, yea, it is sealed to them by his Spirit: And let all the *Mockers* know, *God's Work* in our Day will be too heavy for them; and except they will Repent, it will be a Stone of stumbling, upon which they will fall and be broken to pieces; yea, those that slight and neglect the Day of their Visitation, untill it be too late, this same Power they stumble at, will fall upon them, and Grind them to *Powder*.

This is from one who Travails and Breatheth to the Lord, that his Everlasting Power and Godhead more and more revealed in the Hearts of the Sons and Daughters of men, that many may be gathered out of the Evil, unto Christ Jesus that never fails that they may feel themselves growing up in him heavenly Life reviving. Mercifully of their thick Blind, then will they come to understand that these Things are from the Lord; when the inward Eye and Ear is opened, they will with one heart bear Testimony, That these things are of the Lord.

The 6th day of the 5th Month 1679. G. LAWRY.

A Copy of a Letter to A. P.

DEar *A. P.* &c. I cannot omit but certifie some-what of our last Nights's Exercise in our Meeting, in our Family, how mightily the Power of the Lord appeared amongst us; first breaking in upon Two Young Lads, and so passed through the rest, with such Dread and Power, that there was an exceeding great shaking and tenderness amongst them, rather more than on that noble Fourth day; so that it was not without difficulty to bring several of them into stillness again: But at the last, it being late, they went to Bed, and there many of them lay Crying, Weeping and Lamenting for two or three Hours together: Others in a diverse Exercise; some who had been sober, and formerly good conditioned, meek and gentle, the Power was meek with them, and overcame them in a most blessed manner; so that they were filled with heavenly Praises, utter-

ing ſuch words as ſweet-conditioned Souls are wont to do when they are ſealed by the Lord's Spirit: Others moſt bitterly Lamenting their Conditions, eſpecially one of the aforeſaid Lads for about three Hours together in his Bed, exceeded and cryed out for Mercy, ſo Dreadfully, that I never (as I remember) heard a more Terrible Exerciſe from ſmall or great; When I told him how patiently his Bed-fellow lay beſides him; he anſwered, *The reaſon was, becauſe he had not been ſo Wicked as himſelf had been.* If I could but write down the Speeches of the poor Children, under their various Exerciſes, I may well ſay, it would be as a wonderful Thing, and ſuch a Leſſon as many Hearts would be broken to read; but what ſhall I ſay, but admire the Love and Mercy of the Lord in theſe Things! *C.* was bleſſedly diſpoſed on, and was truly refreſhed in his Soul; and with him, and ſeveral others, there was a ſecret inward Harmony from a feeling Senſe of God's pure Viſitation; and ſome more dreadfully ſeized on, and broken in upon by the Authority of the Power, ſo that

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it was admirable to behold the rarity of the Exercises suitable to the subject Matter, Condition and Disposition of every Child.

This is a hint to thee of the matter, who I know dearly loves us, and will be refreshed at any time to hear of our Welfare. So leaving the rest to W. C. *who was with us in the Meeting, if thou pleasest to enquire of him, with mine and my Wife's dear Love to thee and thy dear Wife, &c. I rest, thy dearly loving Brother in the Fellowship of God's Truth,*

Waltham-Abby, the 24th of the 4th Moneth, 1679. C. Taylor.

A Copy of a Letter to T. T.

DEar Brother, &c. the 24th of the 4th Moneth, 1679. we sitting towards Evening with the Family and Children, being in all about Fifty, the Lords sweet and tender heart-breaking Power

was with us in a ſhower of abundance of Love, Mercy and Gentleneſs thorowout, which cauſed abundance of melting Tears, and great ſoul-gladneſs, like unto the Love and Tenderneſs of a moſt tender Father, in Forgiveneſs and Mercy, after Correction and Submiſſion under the ſame, I mean eſpecially as to ſuch who had been more ſtubborn: And the more mild and gentle-conditioned were under the pure ſenſe of the ſame Power in pure Love and ſweet Tenderneſs, with an encreaſe of what had been poured out before at the other Meetings: ſo that the whole Meeting and Family at that time was, as I may truly ſay, overpowered with Divine comfort, in the ſenſe of God's pure Love; nothing elſe from God declared to them, but that they ſhould admire his ſweet Love and Mercy, and how good the Lord was, how gentle, kind, and moſt tender over them, together with the great admiring of the ſame Love, being filled with it; ſo that the heavenly Flame of it drowned all manner of Sorrow at that time, and conquered all ſenſe of Terror and Judgment, nothing but Love, at that time, and Mercy appear-

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ing and overcoming all, so that it was wonderful to behold the great Gravity and Sense of the Children in such an Exercise, there being such a general Heart-breaking Power overpowering them in such a manner with Gods Blessing throughout declared amongst them all. And now I may say, that there is not one who hath been of the worst Temper and Disposition here at present, but in pleading with them about their Conditions, in the sense of God's Truth, have been broken into a sensible acknowledgment with weeping Eyes; so far hath the most blessed Power of the living God appeared in this place, we Day much groaned and longed for to see, Glory to the Lord forever. And certainly the living God will bestow more of his heavenly Blessings upon us, by the still pouring forth of his heavenly Spirit, as we are dear and tender before him, and of his Glory, *Amen.*

So dear Brother, admire with us the excellency of God's pure Love; and pray with us, that we all may be kept in the sweet and humble acknowledgment of all his most tender Mercies: And oh! that we may never give the least occasion,

whereby the Lord may with-draw the sense of such great Love and Mercy from us, *Amen, Amen.*

So dear Brother, if I could tell thee I would, how full of sweet Melody my Soul is at present from the sense of this his pure goodness, and how full of Joy and Gladness, and heavenly Praises: Oh! the glorious heavenly Power of the Lord God, how, when he pleases, it most wonderfully overcomes the Hearts and Souls of his beloved and tender Children! Oh dear Brother! feel, feel what my Soul can admire, but my Tongue far unable to utter, neither lawful for any man to do in this earthly Tabernacle, in which we reach unto thee dearly, and to thy dear Wife.

And I am thy dear Brother,

C. Taylor.

The following Testimonies are from the Teachers of the Children.

A Teſtimony concerning the Goodneſs and Mercy of God our heavenly Father in Chriſt Jeſus, manifeſted to the Children of our Family.

IN the ſence of the great Love and tender Mercies of the Lord God, who hath often graciouſly viſited and livingly refreſhed my Soul in our Evenings or Family's Meetings, I can and do bear this living and faithful Teſtimony, That at a Meeting the 23d of the 4th Moneth, called *June*, in the Evening, the great God and Father of Mercy, in a ſpecial and wonderful manner, did abundantly pour forth of his good and holy Spirit of Life and Grace upon our Spirits, through Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour, by which our Souls and Spirits were broken and melted before him; *That Waters did guſh out of of the Rocks, Springs were opened in dry places, and the very Depth did utter forth its Voice.* I my ſelf was ſo overpowered and overcome with this heavenly Life,

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Virtue and Power of God, that I did shake and tremble before Him the mighty God of Heaven and Earth, who by his quick and powerful Voice shaketh the Wilderness, *and breaketh the Cedars of Lebanon, at whose appearance and look the Earth Trembles, and at whose touch the Hills Smoke*: This his great Love and powerful Operation upon my Heart and Spirit, being livingly refreshed and comforted by it, *did cause my Soul to magnifie the Lord, and my Spirit to rejoyce in God my Saviour, singing and making sweet Melody in my Heart to the Lord*, because he did so graciously answer the Desire of our Souls, and powerfully break in upon the Hearts and Spirits of our Children, revealing himself in his great and Almighty Power among them, in and through which their Hearts were broken, their Spirits melted, and their Souls humbly bowed before him, as the alone searcher of the Hearts, and tryer of the Reins, making known to every one his state and condition, and bringing to Light the hidden things of Darkness, and Counsels of the Hearts, which brought Sorrow and Trouble upon them, and caused many of

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them to lament and cry out before the Lord. Oh! who can appear and ſtand before the great Judge of the Quick and Dead, and not Tremble at his Word, and not Howl and Cry as under the Senſe of his Judgments, till they be brought forth unto Victory, and the Soul comes to feel Redemption from Sin and Iniquity, through the Blood of Jeſus Chriſt!

We are living Witneſſes of this great and powerful Work of the Almighty God in and amongſt the Children of our Family, by which he hath begun to work out their Salvation with Fear and Trembling, and to turn their Minds from Darkneſs to Light, and from the Power of Satan unto himſelf, that they may receive Forgiveneſs of Sins, and Inheritance amongſt them which are ſanctified by Faith in Chriſt Jeſus, to the great comfort and ſatisfaction of our Souls, who was thus graciouſly pleaſed to appear and reveal himſelf in and among us, in his heavenly Power and Authority; for my Soul hath often been poured out before the Lord on their behalf, *that he would be pleaſed to reach into their Hearts in his heavenly quickening Power; that at length*

they might come to experience in themſelves what hath often been declared to them by others, that ſo in the ſenſe of this Heart-breaking Power they might learn to fear him their Creator in the dayes of their Youth, and their Souls might be engaged and conſtrained to love and obey him.

Now the Lord hath heard our Cry, and anſwered our Deſire; he hath manifeſted his great Love, Favour and Mercy unto them and us, in the ſenſe whereof my Soul did and doth rejoyce, praiſing and glorifying his Name on their and our behalf; I can bear my witneſs in Truth, that the ſenſe of the goodneſs of the Lord did reſt upon my Spirit all the Night long, that after I awaked my Eyes were full of Tears, and my Soul full of holy Praiſes and Thanks-giving unto the Lord, becauſe of his tender Mercies and great Love towards us, breathing to the Lord, that he in his heavenly bleſſed Power would carry on his great Work of Regeneration, that he hath begun in and upon our Spirits, and to Bleſs us daily more and more with all Spiritual Bleſſings in Chriſt Jeſus, to the Praiſe and Glory of his Grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the Beloved,

ved, according to the Riches of his Grace, wherein he hath reached and abounded towards us, to declare unto our Souls that he has pardoned our Sins, and received us into his Fatherly Love and Care.

What shall I say of the next following Meeting? I am not able to express the sweet refreshing Life, Virtue and Power of our heavenly Father arising in us with healing under his Wings. For as the Evening before, Fearfulness and Trembling came upon many, and Horror had overwhelmed them, so now at this time the sweet Love of a most tender and merciful Father, embracing their Spirits, did sweetly and livingly refresh and comfort their Souls; he healed the broken in Heart, and bound up their Wounds with the Balm of his heavenly Life, Virtue and Power, to the great comfort and satisfaction of our Souls, who partook of the Water of Life, that the Lord poured forth and made us to drink of; in and through which the Spirit of the Humble was quickened, and the Heart of the Contrite Ones revived.

Now as the Lord in those two Meetings hath appeared and revealed himself

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in and to us in a most special, gracious and powerful manner, so his Sweet and Heart-melting Love and tender Mercies have hitherto followed us from Meeting to Meeting sensibly and livingly, Refreshing, Comforting, Strengthening and Confirming our Souls in his Love, Life, Vertue and Power, until this very Day, Praises, Praises, Praises, Glory and Honour be to our God, henceforth, forever and forever.

Moreover, it is sealed to my Spirit by the holy Spirit of the Lord God, *That We shall be Monuments of his Tender Mercies and Fatherly Love and Care* (These are the Words which livingly arose in my Heart, as we were lately gathered together, and arise again as I am writing this Testimony for God) I say, We shall be Monuments of his tender Mercies and fatherly Love and Care, if we keep Low, Humble, Meek and Tender before him, he will instruct us, and teach us in the Way, which we shall go, and guide us with his Eyes, if we alwayes Fear and Dread his holy powerfull Name, which he hath revealed unto us, and poured forth in and among us, as a good and

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precious Ointment, which causes us to be glad and to rejoyce in him, and to love him with all our Heart, Soul and Mind.

In the sense of this great Love and tender Mercies of the Lord God, my Soul desires that I and every one of us, especially our dear Children, that have with us tasted of the good Word and Power of the World to come, by which our Souls have been quickened and livingly refreshed and comforted, may be alwayes kept in a living sense of the Lovingkindness and Goodness of the Lord towards us, that so we may walk in Humility, Righteousness and Holiness before him, who hath reached to our Souls, and made us sensible of our inward State and Condition, and also of his Love, Grace and Mercy, that we may walk worthy of this his great Love, and Dread and Fear him in our Hearts, alwayes having the Eyes of our Mind towards him, that in his Light, shining in our Souls, we may see even the least appearance of Evil, & waiting in it we may receive Power to be kept and preserved out of it, lest by entring in or consenting to it we should offend the Lord, and cause him to with-draw his sweet

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Love, and to hide the Light and Favour of his Countenance from us, which would bring Sorrow, Anguish and Destruction upon our Souls. Oh! let us walk worthy of this great Love, let every one of us be circumspect in our Lives and Conversations, that our Enemies, who Reproach and Blaspheme the holy Name and powerful Work of the Lord God, who hath graciously and gloriously appeared in and among us, may behold our Holy, Innocent, Upright Life and Conversation, and by it may be reached and convinced, that not the Devil, but the *Lord God* in his holy Life, Virtue, Power and Spirit hath appeared in and among us, by which he hath wrought a new Heart, and renewed a right and holy Spirit in us, the blessed Effect whereof is Holiness and Righteousness; which Work is not of Man, muchless of the Devil, but of the Everlasting, Pure and Holy *God*, who in his Everlasting, Holy, Pure and Quickning Power hath begot us again into the heavenly Image of his dear Son Christ Jesus, which consists in Holiness, and Righteousness, and Truth, which the Devil is out of.

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Having therefore received Grace and Mercy, Life, Virtue and Power of God, let us cleanse our selves from all Filthiness of the Flesh and Spirit, perfecting Holiness in the Fear of God, that we may shew forth the heavenly Vertue and Power of him that hath called and translated us from Darkness into his marvelous Light, and turned from Satans Power to his own Holy, Pure and Living Power, in which we are inabled to do good Works, new created of God in Christ Jesus unto good Works, that we may walk therein, in which if we are found walking & doing the Works of God, we shall never fall again; for so an entrance shall be ministred unto us abundantly, into the Everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is the true Light, which lights every man that comes into the World, in which heavenly and divine Light, we daily receive Life, Virtue and Power, to escape the Corruption that is in the World through Lust, and to live Soberly, Righteously and Godly in this present World, to the Honour and Praise of him that hath called us to Glory and Virtue. For this is the very end of the heavenly, living,

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powerful Appearance of our God in the midst of us, that in and through the heavenly Power of his Son Christ Jesus reveal'd in us, in his divine, heavenly Light, Life and Spirit, he might redeem us from all Iniquity, and purifie unto himself a peculiar People, zealous unto good Works; and that so out of the Mouthes of *Babes* and *Sucklings* he may perfect Praises for his Name. Let us therefore always be found in Well-doing, *that our Light may shine before men, that they may see our good Works, and glorifie our Father which is in Heaven, who dwells in the Light, and is Light, in which, if we walk therein, we have fellowship with him, and one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ his Son, which cleanses us from all Sin*, is inwardly known and felt, and the true Fellowship with the Father, and his Son Jesus Christ comes to be witnessed, Righteousness and Holiness is shewn forth in our Lives and Conversations, by which our heavenly Father comes to be praised and glorified. For herein is our heavenly Father of his Children glorified, when they bring forth much Fruit of the Spirit, which is in all Goodness, and Righteousness,

neſs, and Truth, always proving and doing what is acceptable unto the Lord; to whom be Glory and Honour, Praiſes and Hallelujah, Wiſdom and Dominion from my Soul, in the living Senſe of his great Love and tender Mercies, now, henceforth, forever and ever, *Amen*, *Amen*.

The 5th of the 5th Moneth, 1679. *Teſtified by me* J. M.

WHen I conſider the Goodneſs, Mercy and Love of Almighty God to the Sons and Daughters of Men, ſo largely manifeſted, and ſuited to every Capacity and Condition to this end and purpoſe, that all, even from the leaſt to the greateſt, may be made ſenſible and living Monuments of his wonderful Work, which he hath been carrying on in all Ages leſs or more; but now in this latter Age of the World, is cutting the Work ſhort in Righteouſneſs; I ſee it clearly in the Light of the Lord; for which my Soul and Heart is overcome with Praiſes and Thankſgivings to him,

who (I ſee) takes pleaſure to dwell with the lowly in Heart, and that are willing to follow him whitherſoever he in his Requirings may lead; Glory to his bleſſed Name forever.

I ſay, the conſideration of the Lord's wonderful Dealing with people, but more eſpecially with the young Ones in our Family conſtrains me at this time to open my Mouth, in my ſmall Meaſure, to declare of his Wonderful and Soul-raviſhing Virtue, livingly witneſſed to, in my meaſure, and alſo am an Eye & Ear-Witneſs; but which is more, I find it ſeal'd in my Heart, that the Lord hath begun a bleſſed Work in and among the Younger ſort, ſo that I can ſay in Truth, *The Lord hath been here*, the bleſſed Effects whereof do ſufficiently declare it: Oh! how is my Soul overjoy'd when I ſee that wild Nature, which bore rule in ſome, changed and brought under, ſo that I may juſtly ſay with the Prophet, and do witneſs the ſame, both in my own particular, as alſo I declare it on the behalf of the Children, That in ſome *I ſee inſtead of the Thorns comes up the Fir-tree, and inſtead of the Bryar comes up the Myrtle-tree, and it is*

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for the Lord a Name, for an Everlasting Sign that shall not be cut off. This hath been the End and Tendency of all the Upright-hearted Ones in their Labour and daily Exercise in this Family, who are more nearly concerned in them. And Oh! let all Hearts joyn with me at this time, and at all times, to Praise and Extol the God of all Goodness, who in his Love hath given us an Earnest of our Desires, which is more to us than Thousands of Silver or Gold. This the Lord hath been bringing to pass for several years past by his Almighty Power and Out-stretched Arm invisibly in the Hearts of the Young Ones, and now is more manifestly begun to shew forth his Power, to the melting of the Rocky-hearted, and tendring of them into Tears, which was livingly witnessed to by many, who felt the Power of the Almighty to overshadow them, in a Wonderful and Soul-ravishing manner, at our fourth day's Meeting in *Waltham-Abby*; so that in the Sense of the goodness of the Lord tendred to my Soul, and the Souls of the Children there present, I was broken into Tears, having a deep sense of the Work of the Lord in my own

particular to work in my Heart; as also I was overcome with Joy to feel the Lord's Power so wonderfully to work on the Childrens Minds, that they were melted and broken, to the Amazement of many there present, who never saw such a Day, nor witnessed the Lords Power to change them in their Minds: Oh! but what Joy? what Comfort? what Satisfaction unutterable was ministred to them, who waited upon the Lord for this, to see their Expectation answered in this Matter? what greater Joy could be afforded? surely none.

I can truly say, it was more to me (I hope to my dying Day never to forget it) then all Visible or Created Comforts whatsoever. And so as the Lord did in a wonderful manner break forth in his Living Power upon the 4th day, being the 4th day of the 4th Moneth, so we have witnessed since, and do witness daily (*Praises to our God for it*) the same Arm of Power to work in our Family-Meetings; so that for some Nights we have gone to Bed with the Tears in our Eyes, being filled with the Love of so tender and mercifull a Father, who thus had visi-

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ted us in his love, and filled our Hearts with unexpressible Joy: And this I say more on the behalf of the Children, that some have been so livingly refreshed in our Evening-Meetings, that after they have been in Bed, their Sleep hath been taken from them for several hours together, and their Souls have been filled with Praises and Thanks-givings more then could be uttered.

This I was constrained to say for the Lord, that he is no hard Master, that he takes no pleasure in the Death of Sinners, but thus even in our day, as of Old, so fatherly, tenderly, and condescendingly he deals with People, even with the tender-aged, as to accommodate himself in his appearance, to their Capacities, that they may feel him at work in their inward parts, who worketh all his Childrens work in them and for them, to the everlasting renown and praise of his worthy Name forever.

Now let all be invited hereby to bow and submit their Necks to the Yoke of Christ, and let them be made willing to take it upon them; for truly it is light to

them that are made willing in the day of his mighty Power. Further, let me intreat all who have been sharers with me in this late and continued Heart-breaking Power, to walk worthy of the same, that we together may pass the time of our sojourning here in fear, that in the end, when we shall lay down these Tabernacles, we may be admitted unto the full Fruition and compleat Enjoyment of his favour, who hath called us, and that very early, whose favour is better then Life, whereof of late we have had a large Earnest, to the refreshing of our Souls, and the establishing of them in his fear. Everlasting Praises, Glory, and Renown, be sounded forth unto our bountiful Lord and Master Christ Jesus, World without End, *Amen.*

A. PATERSONE.

Here follow ſeveral Living Teſtimonies given forth by the SCHOLLARS.

Dear Father & Mother;

MY Duty is remembred unto you both, with my dear Love to my Brother and Siſters, and unto the reſt of the Family, hoping you are all in good Health, as I am at this preſent. I have ſent you a Book, whereby you may know the State and Condition our Family is in at preſent, how wonderfully the Lord hath wrought amongſt us; for as he hath begun a bleſſed Work in the Hearts of many in theſe latter Ages, to deſtroy and break down the Power of Darkneſs, and to ſet up his own Kingdom, ſo he will go on in his mighty Power and Strength, and will make his Arm bare for the bringing back of the Out-caſts of *Iſrael*: For as he promiſed, *That Righteouſneſs ſhall cover*

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the Earth as the Waters cover the Seas, ſo will he perform it in its appointed time, which now in ſome meaſure is begun. I am conſtrained to tell you what the Lord hath done for my Soul, how day after day he hath followed me with tender Mercy, willing me to turn from my Wickedneſs and vain Imaginations, and to obey and worſhip him the Creator of all things. I being troubled and vexed in my Conſcience, by the grievous Terrors and Judgments of God, did often times lie Howling and Crying in my Bed for one or two Hours together, ſo that ſometimes I could ſcarce ſleep, but as if I had been Tormented in the very Depth of Hell, and forever caſt out of the ſight of God, never to receive Mercy from him; but the Lord, full of Mercy and Love, did by degrees help me, and delivered me out of the Claws of the Enemy; and ſo by waiting more and more upon him, I became yet more ſenſible of my State and Condition, and did pray unto the God of Heaven, That he would teach me his Way wherein I ſhould walk before him in Singleneſs and Uprightneſs of Heart, and would always preſerve me

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in his holy Fear. For as it is ſaid, *A bruiſed Reed will he not break, nor the ſmoking Flax will he not quench, until he ſend forth Judgment unto Victory*; this have I witneſſed in my particular. And again, *They that wait upon the Lord renew their ſtrength*; this alſo hath the Lord made me a witneſs of: for ſometimes ſitting down in his Fear and Dread, with my Mind only ſtaid upon him, and waiting for his preſence, he hath melted my Heart and bowed down my Spirit before him, by the bleſſed in-breakings and overpowerings of his tender Love, that ſo I could not but praiſe him and honour him, that in ſuch a gracious and bountiful manner hath appeared unto me, and in abundance of Love manifeſted himſelf unto me, and I have gone to my reſt in Peace with him, and alſo have admired how wonderfully he hath brought me out of *Ægypt*, wherein I was a Captive and a Bond-ſlave under the Prince of the Power of Darkneſs, with a deſire never to return back into *Ægypt*; for it is ſaid, *They that go down into the Deep ſee the Wonders of God*: So the Lord before whom I ſtand, knows I have a living Deſire, that I may alwayes be kept

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in his Fear, and walk worthy of the Love which he hath manifested unto me, and obey him, that so what I am, I may be to him, and alwayes may be kept Low and Humble before him, giving him the Praise, Glory, Honour and Renown, unto whom it belongs, now, henceforth and forever, *Amen.* So I rest,

Your Dutiful Son,

Waltham-Abby, the 5th Mon. 1679. } James Claypoole.

Dear

Dear Mother;

I Received a Letter, by which I understand it hath been the Will of the Lord God to take away my Father out of this World, for which I am very sorry; but since it hath been the Will of the Lord I am satisfied, for the Lord is merciful; O! his Mercies have been very great, and his Kindness unutterable to me, who can say so; who brought me to the place where he would have Mercy, O! where he would make himself manifest: O! in bringing me out of the Pit of Darkness; the Saying is fulfilled; *I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest to them that asked not after me.* So, dear Mother, I would desire and beg of thee, that thou wouldst send my Brother hither: O! Mother, the Lord is here; here he hath been pleased to make himself manifest: Therefore Mother, I would desire thee to send my Brother hither, lest he perish in his Sins and Iniquities: I am perswaded if he came

came hither, the Lord would have Mercy upon him, as he had upon me, who was an Abominable Sinner. So this is all at present, but my Master and Mistress remember their Love to thee; and I would desire thee to salute my Sister in my Name, with my Love to my Brother. I rest,

Thy Obedient Son,

Written in the 10th Moneth, 1679. } Philip Dymond.

OH! the Love of the Lord, who can express it? Oh! when the mighty God pours out of his Water of Life into our Souls, we are even constrained to sing Praises to his Name. Oh! how can I in any measure express the Love of the Most High, through his Son Jesus Christ. Oh! the Most High doth draw us with the Cords of his infinite Love. Oh! our God is a God of Mercy, a God of infinite Love: When I consider, when I was in *Egypt*'s Bondage

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and a Captive to the Devil, how many times would he call me out, but I knew not that it was he; yet at last he made his Arm bare to me, and drew me out of the Pit of Darkness with the Cords of his Love. And it is now my Testimony for the Lord, *That he is coming to teach his People himself*: And Wo to the Teachers that take Tythes, and are like *Egypt*'s Task-masters, for the Wrath of the Lord is kindled against them, that he will neither leave them Root nor Branch; But let us fear the Lord and be Valient for his Truth, and he will certainly bless us with his Blessings from above. So unto him do I commit my Soul, with the Souls of all his People, to whom be all Honour, Renown and Dominion, who is worthy of it, God blessed forever and evermore.

From one that desires the Prosperity of his blessed Truth, and in some measure has felt the Operation of it.

Written the 29th of the 11th Mon. 1679. } Philip Dymond.

Dear

Dear Father & Mother;

MY Duty is remembred unto you, hoping you are in good Health, as I am at this preſent writing, Praiſes be to the God of Heaven and Earth, who of his Loving-kindneſs hath appeared unto me in the day when I went aſtray and rebelled againſt him, running apace to my own Deſtruction, in that day it pleaſed God to give me a ſight of my Sin; ſo that I certainly know, that my Redeemer liveth; Praiſe, Honour and Glory be to the Lord God of Power, who hath ſo plentifully viſited my Soul with his Love and Kindneſs. So thinking meet to acquaint you with my preſent Condition and Exerciſes, having no more at preſent, I recommend you to the Lord, the Father and Maker of all good things. I reſt,

Your Dutiful Son,

Written in the 9th Mon. 79. } John Weight.

Dear

Dear Friend A. P.

MY dear and true Love ſalutes thee, deſiring thy Well-fare: I have at this time writ a few Lines unto thee, which I hope may find thee in good Health. Foraſmuch as when thou waſt with us, the mighty Power of the Lord broke in amongſt us, and tendered our Hearts, ſo alſo it hath continued with us unto this day, which I deſire may never depart from us: I can really ſay, The preſerving Hand of the Lord is time after time witneſſed to keep us and preſerve us; and his intent is to do our Souls good, ſo that in him may be our Peace and Salvation; for ſometimes waiting upon him, in his bleſſed Light for his appearance, he doth ſo lovingly and fatherly appear, that he overcometh our Souls, ſo that we cannot but Praiſe and Glorifie him, that ſo graciouſly ſhould viſit us in his Love; as he ſaid, *In the Day of my Power, my People ſhall be a willing People:* And even at the writing of theſe Lines he hath

broken my Heart before him: O! how is the Lord found of them that ſeek after him? How beautiful is he in his Ariſings? How doth he fill them that hunger and thirſt after him? Now are the dayes of Comfort come, even now are the dayes of Rejoycing and being Glad in the Lord approaching unto our Souls; for he that wounded us, hath in ſome meaſure healed us; he that made our Hearts ſad, hath now cauſed us to rejoyce in him the Creator of Heaven and Earth; for who were we or our Fathers Houſes, that the Lord ſhould have reſpect unto us! but in his Mercy hath he done it; therefore it is my Deſire, that we may all be faithful unto the Lord in that he hath committed unto us, ſo ſhall we have more. Much might be written in the Openings of the Lord, but this is ſufficient, as I think, to acquaint thee how it goes with us. Farewell, and be ſaluted

From thy dear Friend,

Waltham-Abby, the 19th of 10th Moneth, 1679. } James Claypoole, *Junior*.

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WHen in the Fear of God I consider the wonderful Care that he hath of the Children of men, and how he strives with them by his Spirit to work out their Deliverance, and that both in Old and Young, my Heart is melted within me; for in the Consideration of these things he hath often exercised me, even in the Consideration of his Kindness towards the Children of Men, even towards those who are but of young and tender Years: O! when I consider how plentifully he hath poured forth of his Spirit in and among Children, and how my Soul, with many others, hath been overcome by the living Sense of the Holy and Heavenly, Living and Eternal Power of the Lord God of Heaven and Earth, that hath appeared amongst us, to the comforting of our Souls, and how his heavenly Presence hath and doth still follow us from time to time in our Assemblies, to our great Joy, I cannot but thank the Lord and praise his holy Name, for his care that he hath had over me, in bringing me amongst

them to be made a Traveller with them in that heavenly Truth which he revealeth unto us time after time, in and through his Son Christ Jesus.

For although I had some sense of the Power of God before, and was really convinced in my Mind, that the Way wherein I have been brought up was the Way to Eternal Life to those who were Possessors of that Truth which they did profess, and I did in some measure seek after the Possession of the same; yet when I came into this Family, and amongst those Children, among whom God doth so wonderfully appear, I was made to confess before the Lord, that all that I had done was but very little in comparison of that wherein I saw others exercised; and under the sense of the same Power did I secretly cry unto the Lord, *That I also might be made Partaker of that Power that did so fill their Hearts; and that he would forgive me my Sins, and blot out mine Iniquities, that I had hitherto committed; and that I might feel his Saving Arm to redeem me from the Bondage of Corruption, wherein I felt my self deeply entangled.* Which Cry I do really know was of the Lords own begetting,

begetting, becauſe he hath anſwered it in ſome meaſure; and in his Love hath wonderfully appeared unto me, and refreſhed my Soul many a time ſince the day that I came among theſe Children; and under the ſenſe of that Love of God hath my Heart often been broken.

O! how is my Soul tendered, when I think of the Lords Love to my Soul, and how he hath delivered me from the Snares of the Enemy, who hath often ſought to captivate my Soul, and to hinder the motions of the Spirit of the Lord that would ſometimes ariſe in me! for then was he buſie to draw away my Mind from the Power of God, leſt I ſhould lay hold upon it, and thereby be delivered from him. Oh! when I conſider theſe things, and how I have been made to cry in the bitterneſs of my Spirit, when no Mortal Eye could ſee, *Who ſhall deliver me out of this Thraldom?* how the Lord yearned towards me with Bowels of tender Compaſſion, whereby he made me ſenſible, *That he had laid Help upon one that is Mighty, even upon his Beloved Son, the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who is come a Light into the World, that all might believe in him and have Eter-*

nal Life: And that if I would but give up to him he would Deliver me. Bleſſed be his Name forever. For by the Working of his holy Power hath he conſtrained me to give up unto him, and to caſt my ſelf down at his Feet, that ſo I might be ſaved by him: For even as he healed thoſe of their outward Infirmities, in the dayes of his Fleſh, who were caſt down at his Feet, and who humbled themſelves before him, ſo doth he ariſe in this Day, to thoſe who are willing to be humbled before him, and to give up truly unto him, with Healing in his Wings, to heal their Back-ſlidings, and to cure their Infirmities; and it is thoſe only who Humble themſelves before him, and who are willing to be content with that Meaſure that he is pleaſed to beſtow upon them, how little ſoever it be, that he doth Nouriſh, and that he doth Refreſh, even as he did thoſe two Women of Old, one whereof was willing to be content with the Crumbs that did fall from the Table, the other was willing to be content if ſhe could but touch the Hem of his Gament: How was the Lord

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moved with Compaſſion towards them! and how did he Refreſh them, and give them the Deſire of their Hearts! and indeed ſo he doth to all thoſe in this Day who deſpiſe not the Day of ſmall things, but are willing to wait upon him in the leaſt of his Appearances, although it be but as a Grain of Muſtard-ſeed, the leſt of all Seeds; yet if it be given way unto, it will come to be great, and it will become a Teacher that cannot be removed into a Corner, but will alwayes be with thoſe both Day and Night to Reprove them for Sin and Evil, and to give them Victory over the ſame, that lay hold upon it; and by Virtue thereof they will even grow from ſtrength to ſtrength, until they become Perfect men in Chriſt Jeſus, who ſaid, *Be ye therefore Perfect as your Father which is in Heaven is Perfect.*

Waltham-Abby, *the 8th of the 11th Moneth*, 1679. David Barclay.

WHen I conſider how Merciful, Loving and Kind the Lord hath been unto us, and how he doth graciouſly appear, and time after time manifeſt his Love amongſt us, my Heart is filled with Praiſes, and my Soul doth magnifie his Power and rejoyce in God my Saviour; For I do truly believe, that the cauſe of my coming to this place was of the Lord; for as before I was Wicked and Diſobedient unto God, running hither and thither ſeeking reſt for my Soul, but could find none: But Praiſes be to God forever, he did at laſt hear my Cry and anſwer the deſire of my Heart, and did pluck me as a Brand pluckt out of the Fire, and ſet my Feet upon a Rock, where he did make known unto me the thing which had been long hidden from me, and did alſo ſhew me the Darkneſs and Obſcurity which I was plunged into; ſuch was the Mercy of God, which I hope I ſhall never forget unto my dying Day, and I can truly ſay, that the Lord doth ſtill abide with

with us, and doth time after time appear unto us, healing the Wound which before he had cauſed; for we do certainly know that he is both able to wound and alſo to heal.

Oh! I cannot but admire the Loving-kindneſs of God, that he ſhould ſo appear and abide as he doth; but it is true as it is ſaid, *With thoſe that are meek and lowly, and of a contrite Heart will God abide, and with ſuch is he well-pleaſed*; for in my meaſure I can witneſs, that God is a God of Love and of Long-ſufferance, and deſires not the Death of a Sinner, but would rather that he ſhould live (for I have known it ſo) therefore is my Mouth opened at this time to the Praiſe of God, and that the Ages to come may know of the Wondrous Works of the Lord even amongſt Children, and thoſe that are but young in Years, for he indeed hath looked upon us with an Eye of Pity and Compaſſion, and it hath pleaſed him to appear unto us, and to ſhew us the groſs Errors and Pollutions which we have been addicted to: Therefore in the ſenſe of the Mercy and Loving-kindneſs of God my Soul

Soul is even overcome and doth magnifie and praiſe his Name, deſiring that both I and all thoſe whom he hath in any wiſe made ſenſible of their States and Conditions, may be kept in his fear and dread unto the end of our days, that ſo in the End we may lay down our Heads in Peace, and enjoy his preſence for evermore.

And alſo, that while we live, we may live to his Praiſe, and be kept humble and low, that ſo in the conſideration of his Love we may be even conſtrained to love him again; for what were we or our Fathers Houſe that he ſhould appear unto us, who have been ſo Wicked and Diſobedient unto him: Oh! this is great Love indeed, that for all this the Lord ſhould be ſo merciful, for he hath opened our Eyes, that we can clearly ſee and diſcern that the end of the Lord in this matter is to do us good, and that we may perfect his Praiſe, as it is ſaid, *Out of the Mouthes of Babes and Sucklings will I perfect Praiſe.* Therefore we cannot but praiſe him, who is worthy of

of all Praiſe, henceforth forever and forever more, *Amen.*

Waltham-Abby, the 23d of the 11th Mon. 1679. } *Sam. Sweeting.*

To his quondam School-Maſter.

Loving Maſter;

MY Love ſalutes thee with the reſt of thy Houſhold, remembring my School-fellows and Landlords, hoping that you are all in good Health as I am at this preſent writing, by the Grace of God, who is the preſerver of all mankind, and by whom we live and breath, and have our being: O! when I remember at any time thee or my School-fellows, I am moved with compaſſion unto you becauſe

becauſe of my former Acquaintance, and becauſe of the Love which I bear unto you; O! how am I caſt down when I think of things which were done there with thee in my time! O! when the Lord gave me a ſight of the Vanities thereof, O how Naked I ſaw my ſelf in the ſight of the Lord! for even I was as Naked as *Adam* when he had eaten of the forbidden Fruit; yea, when the Lord called unto me, ſaying, *Where art thou*? I was afraid, and was ready to hide my Face; but if I had called never ſo often to the Hills and Mountains to hide me, ſtill I ſhould have been as Naked as ever I was: and he that cannot firſt witneſs theſe things with me, can never witneſs a new Birth; and if he cannot witneſs a new Birth, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; for *Paul* ſaid

ſaid while he was upon Earth, *Fleſh and Blood cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.* O! when I remember the Pride of the *Phariſee*, he who is counted the Shepherd of the Town, when as I once went down the Town, and did not put off my Hat to him, how he complained unto thee: O! but he never conſidered when he was Drunk himſelf, and when he lay in *Babylon* even to the Day and Hour he was to feed his Sheep: O that thou mighteſt but think upon theſe things with conſideration, then wouldeſt thou not wink at theſe things any longer. And ſo no more, but thy

Loving Friend,

Ralph Fretwell,

Waltham-Abby, the 19th of the 11th Moneth, 1679.

My

My beloved Brother;

MY dear Love, in the Unchangeable Truth of the Lord our God (wherewith my Heart at this time is overcome) ſaluteth thee; ſo that in the feeling Senſe of the Heart-raviſhing Love of a Tender-hearted Father, witneſſed towards my Soul, am I conſtrained at this time to write a few Lines unto thee, ſhewing thee how wonderfully, and how powerfully the Lord hath made bare his Arm of Eternal Salvation, and hath ſtretched it forth towards our Souls in this Place; in the Senſe of which my Heart at this time is broken, ſo that I cannot forbear, but muſt needs acquaint

acquaint thee with that which I have ſeen with mine Eyes and heard with mine Ears, and my Hands have handled of the good Word of Life, ſince I came into this Family. Oh! my Mouth cannot ſpeak theſe things which I have livingly felt and experienced in mine own particular, neither can I expreſs thoſe things wherein I have ſeen others exerciſed, ſince I came amongſt them: for I have felt the Almighty and Powerful God at work in me, to the rooting out, in ſome meaſure, of that Spirit of the crooked Serpent that hath ſo long poſſeſſed the Houſe; but now have I felt the Cleanſing Power and Purifying Spirit of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who is come as a Refiner with Fire, and as a Fuller with Sope (and who hath determined, That he will have a Pure

and Undefiled People to Worſhip him) to purifie and to cleanſe my Soul, in ſome meaſure, from the Polutions of Sin and Iniquity.

Oh, my Brother! my Soul cannot expreſs the wonderful Loving-kindneſs of the Lord God Almighty, which he hath handed forth unto me, in and through his beloved Son, who is come indeed that his Children might have Life, and that they might have it more abundantly: Oh! the flowings forth of his heavenly Life is felt in this Day to refreſh the Hearts of thoſe that wait upon him, and his heavenly Peace is witneſſed to comfort their Souls, which is more than Thouſands of Gold and Silver; and indeed, as one ſaid, *A Day in his Court is better than a Thouſand elſe-where.*

Oh!

Oh! this is the Day of glad Tidings indeed unto a Remnant, whom he hath reached unto by the Operation of his bleſſed Power, which worketh wonderfully in the Hearts of his little Ones, and of his tender hearted Babes, whom he tendereth before him, whereby they come to witneſs the Times of Refreſhment and of ſweet Conſolation to run down their Souls as a place of broad Rivers. Oh! my Soul at this time is ſenſible of his Conſolating and Refreſhing Preſence, whereby he hath often comforted me (to his Praiſe I can ſay it) and I know aſſuredly, that he withholds nothing that tends to the good of thoſe that love him and that delight to run the Way of his Commandments, and to follow him in the Regeneration,

but he enables them and renews them more and more with Power from on High, and he renews their Strength from time to time, so that indeed they can run the Race that he hath set before them, and not be weary, and walk in his Heavenly Way and not faint.

Oh! my Soul is so filled, at this time, with the pure Life of Jesus, that I cannot but admire his Holiness, who so filleth the Hearts of his Children with heavenly Praises and melodious Songs, whereby he makes them to praise and magnifie his Name in the Land of the Living. Oh! how can those who are sensible of this his blessed Power, and of the Dawnings of his heavenly Day upon their Hearts and Souls, but forever praise and magnifie his Name for his blessed Appearance,

and for the Revelation of his holy Power, whereby he hath turned their Hearts from their former Lovers, and from their former Idols, unto the Love of him and of his Truth, who is over all, worthy to be loved and waited upon. So having no more at present, I do remain

Thy Loving Brother,

D. Barclay.

A Testimony of one of the Teachers.

BLessed be the Name of the Lord our God forever and evermore, who in this Day hath made his People sensible of his Redeeming Arm of Power, stretched forth for their Deliverance out of the Bondage and Slavery of Satan, to serve him in the Liberty of his own holy and blessed Spirit, and to praise his Name in the Land of the Living, who is their God and their King, their Captain and their Leader, who goeth out and in before his Children, his Sheep, his Babes, his little Ones; whose Hearts he hath tendered by his heavenly Power,

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and thereby he doth over-ſhadow them from time to time, and makes them to grow in the ſenſe of his Love and Goodneſs to their Souls: Thus the Lords Love is extended in this his heavenly Day unto many, and the Arm of his Eternal Power is revealed in many for their Deliverance, whereby they are come to know a bleſſed Change wrought upon their Hearts; and as their Minds are ſtaid upon him, they do alwayes feel him near unto them; and he is never wanting to adminiſter Comfort and ſweet Conſolation unto them, when they do truly and in Uprightneſs of Heart wait upon him: O! the flowings forth of his fatherly Love and heavenly Everlaſting virtuous Life that my Soul, with the Souls of others, hath been many time ſenſible of in our Family Meetings

in this place: And I can truly ſay, I have been made to admire the Love of God in my Heart, when I have been ſenſible how he hath condeſcended in reaching unto the Capacity of ſeveral of the Children, whom I have really felt to be reached and bleſſedly tendered by the Power of an Endleſs Life: Yea, and the Lords Glory hath ſhined, and doth many times ſhine amongſt us, ſo that ſometimes it hath been in my Heart, *That the Lord hath begun to build up his* Sion *among us*, as to the Educating of Children: for we can ſay to his Praiſe and Everlaſting Glory, *That he hath done more in a ſhort time for ſome Children here, than ever any Teacher could be able to do.* Glory be to his Name, who is the God of *Abraham*, *Iſaac* and *Jacob*, and of their Seed; for he is known to be the God of his People in this Day

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(who are in the Faith of *Abraham*) and of their Children alſo; as they walk in his heavenly Way which he hath again revealed in this his glorious holy Day: O! the riches of his Love and the infiniteſs of his Kindneſs towards all the Sons of men; but more eſpecially towards them whom he hath gathered into the knowledge of his ever-bleſſed Truth, and in whom he hath revealed his Son, who are his Witneſſes on the Earth, whom he hath loved with a ſingular Love in his Son Chriſt Jeſus, and given him unto them to be their Leader and Commander; and not only ſo, but he hath begun to viſit many of their Children in their Young and Tender Years, which cannot but be unſpeakable Joy unto all Upright-hearted Parents, to ſee and feel their Children viſited with the

ſame holy Arm of Power, where-with they were viſited when they were gone far aſtray from the Lord; which to feel in themſelves is now their chiefeſt Joy: How much more then will their joy abound to fell it operate in their Children while they are Young and Tender!

And now for the Encouragement of all who rejoyce to hear of the Proſperity of God's Eternal Truth; I do teſtifie for the Lord, and to the Praiſe of his great Name, That the Lord our God hath not withdrawn the Senſe of his Power and Heavenly Preſence, (as to the General) from us, in this Family, but at all times many of us are ſenſible, as we are retired in our Minds, that the Lords Love is towards us; and we do alwayes feel his Power in our Meetings, whereby our Souls

are refreſhed, and we are thereby confirmed from time to time, and in the Faith and Belief of the Proſperity of the Lords Work which he hath begun amongſt us: For notwithſtanding that the Enemy may work at times in ſome of the Children, to draw their Minds into Wildneſs and Diſorder, yet the Lords Power is over all, and that contrary Spirit is much chain'd and kept down by the Revelation of Gods Heavenly Power, whereby a Remnant are kept in a bleſſed Meaſure, ſince the firſt time that they were thorowly reached thereby, and do grow in Weightineſs daily, and in the experience of the work of Truth in their Hearts, which is indeed great cauſe of joy unto all thoſe (of the Lords People) who are concerned in them.

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And so that the Lord God of Heaven and Earth may carry on this his Glorious Work among the Children and Off-spring of his People, not only in this Nation, but in all Nations and Islands where he hath gathered them, is the Desire and earnest Breathing of my Soul.

From one who travails for the Prosperity of God's Truth in the Earth, and at present is exercised among the Children in the School of Waltham-Abby;

Written the 17th of the 11th Mon. 1679. } Alexander Seaton.

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OH! my Dearly Beloved *Friends*, when I was alone, and my Mind exerciſed in the Truth, this Cry came thorow me, That the Lord hath heard our Cryes, and hath bottled up our Tears, and hath anſwered our Deſires in a Bleſſing upon the Children, and hath broken the Wills of many, that they fear before him; and now is he fulfilling his Promiſe, and that bleſſed Saying; *That Righteouſneſs ſhall Cover the Earth as Waters the Seas*; that is, all over; for verily it cannot be ſaid, all over, except Young as well as Old come to know the Lord. And this is my Teſtimony, That the Time is at hand;

hand; for a bleſſed Day have we ſeen of the Lords pouring forth of his Spirit upon Young and Tender Children, that they may know him and fear before him. And I can ſay of a Truth, That we have of our Family, Children that truly fear the Lord, and do truly hunger after Righteouſneſs.

O! how doth the Lord appear to us, in our Family Meetings, that we are overcome with his wonderful Preſence, and our Childrens Hearts broken before him, that they cannot contain from Praiſing his holy Name: His Glory doth ſo ariſe upon us, that our Meetings are indeed to Admiration: The Lord doth ſo follow us from Day to Day, and from Meeting to Meeting, as our dear Friends can witneſs with us; holy Praiſes ſaith my Soul, be to our God forever.

forever. Do we not read in the Scriptures of Truth, That Children in the dayes of Old have Blaſphemed the Name of the Lord, & Scoffed at his People and Servants, and were Curſed forever? But now, bleſſed be his Name, he is appearing in his Love and Mercy unto Children, that he may Bleſs them forever.

Ah! what the Lord hath done a few Moneths and Weeks paſt, that the like hath ſcarce been heard of in many Ages or Generations amongſt Children: My Soul deſires, that the Senſe of it may ever remain amongſt us, for we can never be able to ſpeak it forth! how Unutterable indeed are his Mercies unto us, and his Wayes paſt finding out! Oh! the Senſe

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of this overcomes me, that all within me is constrained to praise the Lord, and magnifie his holy Name, for he is Worthy, Worthy, Worthy, saith my Soul. O how hath he broken in amongst us in our Meetings like a mighty Man of War, that nothing hath been able to stand against him, but we have fallen down before him, with Praises and sweet Melody in our Mouthes, that sometimes we could scarce know how to depart to go to our Natural Rest: And when we have been in our Beds, sometimes our Eyes could take no Rest for several Hours, we have so admired the Lord's doings with us.

The Lord hath Determined, That this his Blessed Work in this

this His Day ſhall be a Preſident to the Ends of the Earth, that the Generations to come may Magnifie his Holy Name, who lives forevermore.

Written in the 11th Moneth 1679. *Frances Taylor.*

THE END.